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OFFICIALS OF HAMBURG CO. FACE TRIALS

Conspiracy Charges Against Four Are Entered in United States Court As Cases Are Called.

Selection of Jury in First of Many Similar Actions Takes All of Opening Session Today.

New York, Nov. 22.—The opening session today of the trial of Karl Buehner, managing director of the Hamburg-American line, and three other officials of the line, under indictment on charge of conspiracy to defraud the government, was devoted toward selecting a jury before Federal Judge Howe.

The government alleges that the defendants secured false clearance papers for steamers sailing from New York with supplies for German war raiders in the Atlantic during the early part of the war. The trial is the first important one in connection with the various conspiracy charges made against German and Austrian agents in this country.

Indicted with Buehner and appearing as defendants are Adolph Hochmeister, purchasing agent of the line; Joseph Poppenshausen, a second officer in the employ of the line; and George Kottler, its superintendent.

A fifth man, Felix Zeffow, an alleged super-cargo of one of the supply ships, was indicted but has not been arrested.

Although many of the government's allegations have been conceded by counsel for the defense, it is expected that the trial will last a week as one hundred witnesses are under subpoena to testify for the government. Two years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine on each of two indictments is the maximum penalty for the crime charged.

The prosecution is under the direction of H. Snowden Marshall, United States district attorney, and his assistants, Roger B. Wood and John C. Knox, Jr.

PRIVATE SLEUTH TELS OF VISIT TO GOLDEN INN

Commissioners Reserve Decision on Drinking Club Remonstrance.

The first hearing on the remonstrances against local clubs was held this morning before the county commissioners when Black Rock residents appeared to object to the granting of a liquor license to the Golden Inn club, located on Fairfield avenue adjoining the East Creek bridge.

Rev. H. C. Woodruff of the Black Rock Congregational church, was a witness against the application. He did not think the club was a bona fide organization and said complaints had been made to him about it.

Harry Leaby, a private detective, said he took a girl to the club Nov. 17. He secured a table and asked Edward Norman Goulden for something to eat and drink. Goulden declared he couldn't get any liquor because he wasn't a member. Leaby wanted to know what he had to do to become a member. Goulden said he must sign an application blank and pay \$2. Leaby didn't pay the \$2 so he didn't get anything to drink. Later a waiter approached and asked the detective what he intended to drink. Leaby told him what Goulden had said and the waiter declared he never heard of that before. Nevertheless he didn't bring Leaby any liquor.

Sven Swanson, who owns ten houses in Black Rock, said residents in the neighborhood are suspicious of the club. He declared his family had been awakened one night by noise from the club.

Gustav Anderson declared he saw a woman of bad reputation entering the club.

When Norman Goulden took the stand he denied that women of shady character were allowed in the club. He said he was president and steward. The club was formed in June, 1915, for the purpose of "social intercourse among the members."

The membership totals 104 at present. The other officers are William R. Horsey, vice president; J. S. Russell, secretary; and treasurer. Goulden declared the organization was a bona fide one.

The commissioners reserved decision.

Father and Son Beat Mother and Daughter; Go To Jail Together

A sentence of 10 days each was the penalty meted out by Judge Wilder in the city court today when William Burton, Sr., and William Burton, Jr., were arraigned charged with drunkenness and breach of the peace.

The fact was disclosed in court that father and son are in the habit of coming home under the influence of liquor and administering a beating to Mrs. Burton and daughter. The address of the Burtons was given as "city."

IRONWORKER FALLS OFF FIVE STORY STRUCTURE AND LIVES TO TELL IT

After heating a quantity of rivets on the fifth story of the new Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. building on the south side of Boston avenue on Seaview avenue, William Vetch, aged 37, single, living at 101 Barnum avenue, stepped backwards and missing his footing, fell five stories this morning. During his descent he came in contact with the iron beams and landed unconscious on the ground.

A call was sent for the emergency ambulance corps and Dr. J. H. Beau-

dry found that Vetch was suffering from a fracture of his left thigh and possible internal injuries. He was removed to Bridgeport hospital where his condition is reported as being very serious.

The bones about the chest and shoulders of Vetch are crushed and it is considered remarkable that he escaped with his life thus far. He has been in the employ of the James Stewart Construction Co. for the last five years and was considered a valuable employee.

A. F. OF L. IN DEADLOCK OVER GREAT DISPUTE

Jurisdictional Muddle Over Remington Arms Millwrights Puzzling

BRIDGEPORT MATTER PROLONGS MEETING

Discussion of Big Strike Here Causes Longest Session in History

(Special to The Farmer)

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—The jurisdictional dispute at the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. of Bridgeport between the carpenters and the millwrights has caused a prolonged session of the American Federation of Labor here last night.

The 35th annual convention is being held and it was to come to a close yesterday. A night session was held however and a deadlock over the matter ensued. The proceedings were so delayed that an adjournment was taken until today, when it is expected the convention will be finished.

The dispute arose last summer at the Remington plants in Bridgeport, when the first of the vast new plant was being built. Several buildings were well on their way toward completion when employees of the James Stewart Construction Co. disputed over the millwrights. The latter quit work and strikes followed. Bricklayers quit when ironworkers struck, had carriers followed.

The strikes were settled when it was agreed to accept a temporary arbitration by using the decision of the last convention, and it was agreed to leave the matter to the present convention to decide. No decision had been reached up to now today.

The session last night was the longest in the history of the Federation.

Rubber Workers Will Elect Officers At Meeting Tomorrow

Employees of the H. O. Canfield Co. and of the Canfield Rubber Co., who are affiliated with local No. 14,888 of the Rubber Workers Union, will meet in Eagles' hall tomorrow night at 8 to elect officers.

CHILD WITH LIGHTED MATCH STARTS FIRE IN CLOTHES CLOSET

The dropping of a lighted match by one of the children, looking for some wearing apparel in a clothes closet at the home of Mrs. Della Kelly at 41 Maiden lane, caused an alarm of fire to be sent in from box No. 634 at Pembroke and California streets, at 8:44 this morning. The fire was extinguished by chemicals used by firemen from Chemical Company No. 1. The damages were trifling.

Rear Admiral Boggs, Passed Away in Paris

Paris, Nov. 22.—Rear Admiral Lawrence G. Boggs, U. S. N., retired, is dead at his home in this city. He left the active service in 1908 after 18 years of sea duty.

Rear Admiral Boggs was born in the district of Columbia, and entered the navy as an assistant paymaster, Sept. 24, 1869, became a past assistant paymaster in 1874 and was promoted to the rank of paymaster in 1886.

British Economy Rule Hits At Parliament

London, Nov. 22.—Wooden spalls in the place of matches, penny wooden penholders instead of steel quills so dear to the British officialdom, few envelopes, and odd sheets of note-paper instead of unlimited supplies gave a surprise today to members of parliament who are accustomed to utilize the house of parliament as a club. In reply to any protests, the attendants explained this was the first step in the direction of national economy demanded so urgently in recent speeches.

THANKSGIVING HOURS AT LOCAL POST OFFICE

Postal carriers will make one delivery on Thanksgiving and on all other holidays according to orders issued today by First Assistant Postmaster General Daniel C. Rogers.

There have been several holidays on which there was no delivery, but this new order will unify the holiday delivery system throughout the country.

KING BOOM FOR WILSON STARTS POLITICAL ROW

Roraback Can't See Bridgeport's Mayor as Gubernatorial Timber.

HEALY STALKING HORSE FOR CHENEY?

Ullman of New Haven and King United Forces To King Unite Forces To

(Special to The Farmer)

John T. King's long-cherished dream of putting over Mayor Clifford B. Wilson as the next Republican nominee for governor has started a fine row in G. O. circles throughout the state.

Accepting the return to office of Mayor Wilson by a minority of the electorate at the last municipal election as a veritable triumph for him, he has not hesitated to announce that he has started the Wilson gubernatorial boom in full blast. The first round-up will take place at the "dollar dinner" here next month.

Leader King has joined forces with Col. Isaac M. Ullman of New Haven in the fostering of the Wilson boom. The Ullman-King coalition, however, is facing a real fight with the Republican ranks from the faction headed by State Chairman J. Henry Roraback.

J. Henry and John T. haven't been the very best of friends since the last legislative session. They were divided on many questions and the big row came in the fight over the increase in liquor license fees. Though both proclaimed that they were the same stock and oil pals together, it is generally accepted that a coolness developed between these two astute leaders. That coolness, say the insiders, has now developed into a full-fledged feud.

Opposing the Wilson candidacy, ostensibly is the boom of Frank E. Healy, of Windsor Locks, speaker of the last house. Healy's name has been frequently mentioned, though there are plenty of Republicans in all parts of the state who don't see any great political strength in his leadership.

There are some, too, who hold that Healy is but a stalking horse for Senator Louis R. Cheney, of Hartford. When the time is ripe, they say, the candidacy of Senator Cheney will be announced and Healy will gracefully retire, with a promise of being taken care of in the event of Republican success under Cheney's candidacy.

Senator Cheney will have the backing of Chairman J. Henry Roraback and the "up-state" Republicans. This array will include the New Haven factions that have long been opposed to Ullman's domination.

Senator Cheney was chairman of the committee on insurance in the last legislature. He is reputed to be very wealthy.

BENEVOLENT STRANGER ROBS JOB-SEEKER IN LONELY CRANE FLATS

Arraigned before Judge Wilder in city court today on a charge of high-way robbery and assault was a young man of Washington, Conn., probable cause was found and Tony Woan, alias "Big Mike," was bound over to the December term of the superior court. Bonds were set at \$1,000 in default of which Woan was remanded to the county jail.

The robbery occurred last Thursday afternoon. Vosmonski met Woan in a water street saloon and the latter agreed to get Vosmonski a job in a local factory. The pair headed for the West End plant of the Crane Co., and while passing the tall shrubbery surrounding the "mud flats" near Seaside park, Woan "blackjacked" the man from Washington and relieved the stranger of \$15 which he had in his purse.

Considerable comment was heard about police headquarters today when it was learned that Woan was charged with plain assault and breach of the peace. The charge was later changed to highway robbery.

Dog's Barking Saves Family From Flames

Winsted, Nov. 22.—A dog's barking saved the lives, apparently, of Frank Wurff, his wife and their two children, when their home in South Sandfield, Mass., a few miles over the state line, was burned. The warning enabled all to leave the house but the dog perished. Wurff lost his effects. The house was worth \$3,000. It was insured.

STOLE TURKEYS

Alfred W. Hayes of 945 Broad street, appeared in city court today charged with the theft of two turkeys from the cooler of a lunch room. Hayes is married and he was placed in care of Probation Officer C. W. Simpson.

SAYS MRS. MOLL WAS BEATEN BY HER SON'S WIFE

Daughter Who Wants Her Brother Removed as Conservator Testifies

RICH OLD WOMAN'S CHILDREN HOSTILE

Eccentric Madison Avenue Resident Neglected By Son, Claims Daughter.

(Special to The Farmer)

"My mother used to call her home heaven, but now she calls it hell."

This statement was made by Mrs. John L. Oberley of 220 Main street, before Judge Miller, in the probate court today during a hearing on a petition which she has brought for the removal of her brother, Gustavus Moll, as conservator of their mother, Mrs. Theodore Moll, who the Moll family has for years lived in that section of Madison road which is now called Arlington avenue.

Mrs. Moll was a familiar figure about Bridgeport for years. After her husband died she conducted his farm and peddled milk following the route herself which her husband established.

Because of her eccentricities and the annoyance to which she was subjected by some of her sons and her disputes with neighbors, about 10 years ago, Gustavus, with his sister, Mrs. Oberley, were appointed conservators. About two years ago Mrs. Oberley resigned and recently she brought an action to have her brother removed as conservator, claiming that her mother was being ill treated.

Mrs. Oberley told the court today that her mother was allowed the use of only one room in the house she owns, and that she was compelled to eat all her meals there. She said frequently within the last two years she called on her mother, she found her without food and hungry.

"I would go out to a store then," said Mrs. Oberley, "and buy coffee, bread, cheese and other things for mother and see that she ate."

"Don't you know that your mother used to take good wholesome food and hide it away? Wasn't that one of her eccentricities?" asked Attorney Alexander L. Delaney, who, with Judge E. P. Nobbs, appears for Moll, claimed that the petition for his removal as conservator.

Mrs. Oberley dodged the question but finally admitted that it was so and that she had known her mother to leave, bird's nest cake untouched for three months until it became unwholesome and some member of the family took it from her.

Mrs. Oberley said her mother had been accustomed to having the lower floor of the Moll house to herself. She said her bedroom was in one corner of the house and she used another lower room for drying the herbs which she gathered about the farm. She kept her Bible there too and went there to pray whenever the spirit moved her.

"My mother never liked my brother's wife or her boys, Gustavus and Herbert. She would get very angry whenever they approached her," continued Mrs. Oberley.

"Didn't you tell me in my office that your brother's wife was doing all she could for your mother and that mother was contented where she was?" queried Attorney Delaney.

"Well, perhaps I did," she finally admitted Mrs. Oberley, "but I changed my mind after I found out some other things."

"Asked if she had ever seen her mother abused, or denied food, she said she had not but her mother had told her things and from observation when she visited her mother she could draw her own conclusions."

"It's a fact that you haven't been on friendly terms with your mother, isn't it?" asked Attorney Delaney.

"Well, my mother had a violent temper and frequently she would get so away and stay away but lately she has not said anything like that and in the past two years she has not drawn her own conclusions," answered the witness.

"You have always had an aversion for your brother's family, haven't you? You never liked his wife, did you?" was the next question.

"I liked my brother's wife until two years ago when she hit my mother over the head with a shoe. Since her, of course, my feelings toward her haven't been the same. My mother has one part of that house with a door to the yard which does not connect with the other parts of the house but she doesn't dare stick her head out of the door for fear she will be hit over the head with something. She has never liked my brother's family. She is not getting proper care and she ought to be moved from there."

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CENTRAL POWERS OFFER RUMANIA NEW CONCESSIONS TO ENTER WAR; GERMANS CAPTURE 2,600 SERBIANS

ROOSEVELT ADVISED HIM TO BUY B. & M. RAILROAD, IS MELLEN'S TESTIMONY

New York, Nov. 22.—Theodore Roosevelt, while President, advised that the New Haven road buy the Boston & Maine property, according to testimony given today by Charles S. Mellen in the conspiracy trial of former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company.

Mr. Mellen, recalled to the stand today, told of a visit to Washington during which President Roosevelt said to him:

"Whatever you do you will have to do at your own risk, and if you do wrong, you needn't come back to me. But it seems to me if I were in your place I would buy."

He had visited the president, said Mr. Mellen, while negotiations for the purchase of the Boston & Maine were in progress.

The President, he said, sent him to Franklin K. Lane, then chairman of the interstate commerce commission.

"I told Lane the situation and my fears—that danger that the Boston & Maine might go to other interests. He too thought the situation was dangerous, especially as to the military situation—the danger if the Boston & Maine was owned by aliens."

"I reported to Mr. Roosevelt and he said, 'Mr. Mellen I am no lawyer. Whatever you do you will have to do at your own risk and if you do wrong you needn't come back to me. But it seems to me if I were in your place I would buy.'"

Mr. Bates wanted to know what he meant by the military situation. The witness explained that he discussed with Mr. Lane the possibility of the Boston & Maine going to the Canadian Pacific or the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

MORSE INTERESTS IN BUYING PROPERTY ALONG THE SOUND

Shipyards Near New London Are Sold and Other Deals Are Planned.

Mystic, Conn., Nov. 22.—Captain Mark A. Gilbert, representing the Charles W. Morse interest of New York, was here Saturday negotiating for the purchase of the old McDonald Shipyards, owned by Carlos Barry, to New London; the Sutton Spar Yards; the old Sand Mill property, owned by the Seeley Brothers, of New York, and the Allen Spool & Printing property, all to be used as a shipbuilding plant.

It was learned today on good authority that he has succeeded in securing options on the San Mill property, the shipyard and the old spar yard.

Of these three properties, the only place where there is any activity at present is at the shipyard, where Michael McDonald, of Norwalk, is constructing a schooner for Mexican parties, the first it is anticipated, of an order for ten ships of the same name. An agreement has not been decided upon for the spool factory property, which is owned by Ira Dimmock, of Hartford, and B. Armstrong of New London.

TO BUILD ADDITION TO BEDFORD HOME

(Special to The Farmer.)

Greens Farms, Nov. 22.—Bids are in for a large addition and extensive alterations to the residence of P. T. Bedford. The addition will be two stories and will provide for a living room and sun parlor on the first floor and two bedrooms and two baths on the second floor. A new steam heating plant will be installed.

FINES IRONWORKER FOR LOITERING

Norman Ferguson of 101 Barnum avenue, an ironworker in the employ of the James Stewart Construction Co., was fined \$2 when arraigned before Judge Wilder today on a charge of loitering.

Ferguson was arrested by Policeman Joseph P. Coughlin Saturday night, charged with loitering on Main street.

Ferguson paid the fine.

"Had there been in the public print any suggestion that the Canadian Pacific or the Grand Trunk were in the market for the Boston & Maine?"

"I really don't know, said the witness. He added that he had no specific information that the two roads wanted the Boston & Maine, but that it was in the atmosphere—it came to me through grapevines."

Before Mr. Mellen was recalled, Lewis A. Bowman, formerly an executive officer of the Enterprise Transportation Co., was put on the stand to refute testimony that this line failed because of management and not as the government contends, because of the crushing competition of the New Haven. P. H. Dunbaugh, president of the Joy Line and a government witness, had testified that "dead head" passengers and the fact that the Enterprise steamer Kennebec had no side freight ports, had caused the line to lose money.

Bowman, who came across the continent from Washington to testify, was on the stand less than five minutes. The Kennebec, Bowman testified, did have side ports and there was no unusual expense in loading freight.

Attorney Choate did not approve of the purchase of the Boston & Maine by the road, according to a letter written by him to Mellen, which the government read when Mellen resumed the stand. Under date of May 8, 1907, Choate wrote that he had "no faith in the Boston & Maine," and that he did not believe it was earning its seven per cent. dividend.

Mr. Mellen said that while the negotiations for the purchase of the stock were in progress he went to Washington and consulted with President Roosevelt.

SEARCH RECORDS OF CITIZENSHIP OF LATE AUTHOR

Charles Klein, Lusitania Victim, Never Took Second Papers Here

That Playwright Charles Klein, author of "The Lion and the Mouse," "The Auctioneer" and other big productions, never took out second citizenship papers in this city was the statement of Naturalization Clerk M. J. Flanagan, in response to an inquiry by persons interested in the playwright's estate.

Klein, who had a summer home in Norwalk, came to this city in 1909 and took out his first papers. He did not return here again and last year while returning to England on the Lusitania lost his life when the steamer went down off the coast of Ireland.

He left some property in London and in order to have the estate properly settled it was necessary to discover whether he had become an American citizen. He was born in England, but had lived in this country many years. Judge John H. Light of Norwalk is conducting the investigation regarding Klein's citizenship.

Pope, on Birthday, Helps Church Funds

Rome, Nov. 22.—The members of the Roman Association for the preservation of the faith in the city of Rome were received today by Pope Benedict on the occasion of his sixty-first birthday.

The Pope gave 25,000 lire (\$5,000) to the fund to carry on the work of the association.

Greece To Satisfy Demands of Allies

London, Nov. 22.—While no official statement has been published, it is certain the Greek government has resolved to give the allies every assurance required to dispel their apprehensions concerning possible treatment of the troops in Macedonia and that a basis of agreement satisfactory to all parties already had been established, says an Athens despatch to the Times.

BRITISH NOBLEWOMAN IN BULGAR RED CROSS

Berlin, Nov. 22.—The Overseas News Agency said: "Lady Paget, wife of Sir Ralph Paget, British permanent under-secretary for foreign affairs, has applied to the Bulgarian Red Cross for admission. Lady Paget conducted a Red Cross hospital at Ukup, Serbia, and remained there after the Bulgarians captured the city. "In her letter requesting admission to the Bulgarian Red Cross she states that she has witnessed wholesale looting and ill treatment of Bulgarian prisoners by Serbians, whose barbarism is abhorrent to her. She has sent a letter to London expressing regret that Great Britain is allied with Serbia."

Teutonic Allies Urge Neutrality Upon Rumania If Nation Cannot Join Them in Waging War Against the Allies.

Big German Victory Reported in Serb Campaign—British Steamers Are Sunk by Submarines—Turkish Transport Lost.

Rome, Nov. 22.—Germany and Austria-Hungary are understood to be asking Rumania to preserve her neutrality and at the same time offering concessions to her if she will join in the war on the side of the central powers, according to information received here today from reliable sources.

"Serbs Are Routed"

Berlin, Nov. 22.—The capture of more than 2,000 Serbians was announced by the German war office today. Five cannon and four machine guns were taken in the field operations while in the Novipazar arsenal 50 large mortars and eight cannon of an old type were found.

BRITISH STEAMSHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS

London, Nov. 22.—The British steamships Hallamshire, 4,420 tons gross, and Merganser, 1,905 tons, have been sunk. Their crews were saved. The British steamship Salsetta, from London to Bombay, is ashore south of Ras Abu Bora, in the gulf of Suez. She has signalled for immediate assistance.

The Hallamshire was built and owned in Glasgow. She was last reported as having sailed on Oct. 19 from Eastham, England, for Barry, Wales. The Merganser was owned in Cork.

TURKISH TRANSPORT LOST

London, Nov. 22.—Sinking of a Turkish transport which was carrying 500 soldiers across the Sea of Marmara, is reported in a message from Zurich, forwarded from Constantinople by the Central News. The message says the transport struck a mine and that nearly all on board were drowned.

SUBMARINES IN BATTLE

Copenhagen, Nov. 22.—The passage of a large flotilla of British submarines, variously estimated at from 10 to 25, into the Baltic is given here as an explanation of the present naval activity in the Cattagat where both German and British destroyer flotillas have been sighted.

ALLIES TRY TO FORCE GREECE TO MEET TERMS

London, Nov. 22.—The rumors of last week that the entente allies had determined to compel Greece to repudiate all hints that she might interfere with the passage of allied troops across her territory have been substantiated by the inauguration of a pacific blockade. This measure is expected to elicit an immediate declaration from the Greek government defining its intentions without ambiguity.

Some despatches from Athens go so far as to say this already has been attained as a result of Lord Kitchener's conference with King Constantine and that the Earl received assurances of a satisfactory nature.

The British government, however, has yet intimated that Greece has complied with the demands of the allies. Some Greek newspapers regard the blockade of Greece as a violation of international law. It has created a profound impression, upon which immediate action is predicted.

For the time being military operations in southern Serbia have been almost suspended. This is regarded in England as an encouraging sign for the Serbians and their allies, in view of the fact that a few days ago a Bulgarian advance from Priple to Monastir appeared certain.

BULGAR ARMY FLEES AFTER SEVERE LOSSES

Paris, Nov. 22.—The report that the Serbians have won an important victory over the Bulgarians from Leskovatz, on the Nish-Saloniki railroad, is corroborated in a despatch received today from the Serbian minister at Athens. The message says that after a battle of several days in which the Bulgarians sustained enormous losses, the remnants of their army fled in disorder to the eastern bank of the Morava river.

The victory is regarded, the message says, as securing that part of the line from further attack for some time.

THE WEATHER

Fair and somewhat colder tonight. Tuesday fair. Fresh west to southwest winds.